



## VISION

Eau Claire will be  
a healthy, vibrant,  
and productive  
community  
of  
exceptional  
natural beauty.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

It is our mission  
to provide  
for the common good  
and  
deliver services  
essential for  
a safe, sustainable,  
and engaged  
community.

## Check out these Links:

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## City Manager

### Applicants Sought for City Council Vacancy

Interested residents have another week to submit their letters of interest for the vacant Aldermanic District 1 seat on the City Council. The term will begin on June 22, 2015, and run through April 19, 2016. If you live in District 1 and are interested in applying, please submit a letter to the City Clerk containing the following information:

- Applicant's name and address.
- Telephone number and/or other method of contact.
- Brief statement, not exceeding one page, explaining why you want to represent District 1, and outlining experience related to the position such as past elected office, service on boards, commissions or committees, participation in decision-making processes, business experience, and/or volunteer experience.

Letters must be received in the City Clerk's office no later than  
**10 a.m. on Thursday, June 4.**

The City Council will review the applications. All applicants will make a five-minute presentation at the Monday, June 8, City Council meeting. The Council will vote on the appointment at their Legislative Session on Tuesday, June 9, and the successful candidate will be sworn in and take office on June 22.

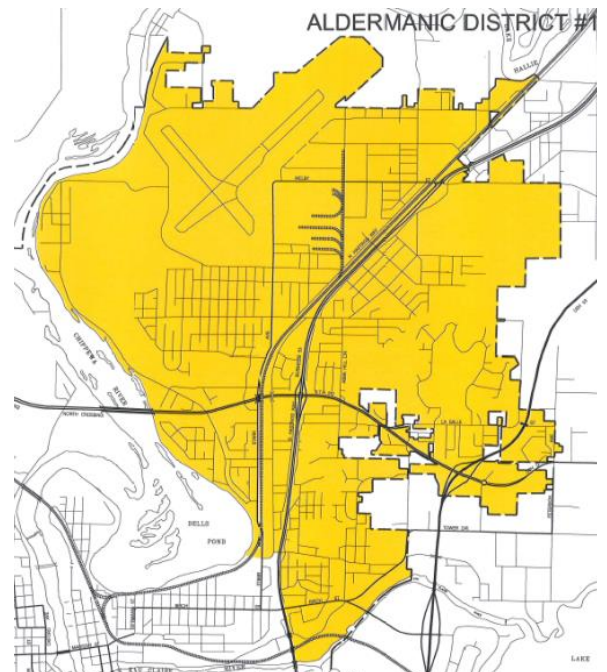
Letters can be submitted via the U.S. Postal Service or by e-mail.

Postal address:

Eau Claire City Clerk  
203 S. Farwell St.  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

E-mail address:

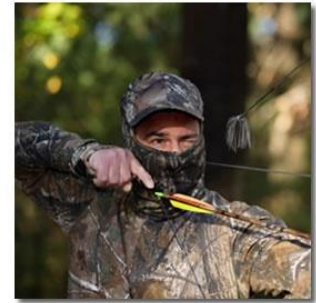
[donna.austad@eauclairewi.gov](mailto:donna.austad@eauclairewi.gov)



## Attorney

### Urban Deer Management/Bow Hunting

The City Attorney's Office continues to work with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Wisconsin DNR to address our growing urban deer population. The local DNR game warden has concluded that the City's local permit process and ban on deer feeding are consistent with state law, but additional changes to the City's bow hunting ordinance may be forthcoming based on recommendations from the City's deer management meetings.



### Summer Reminder

Summer brings many bikers and pedestrians onto City roads and sidewalks. Please keep the following rules in mind to ensure everyone has a safe summer!

- Pedestrians should always cross the street at a marked crosswalk. (Wis. Stat. 346.23-24)
- If a pedestrian is in a crosswalk, all traffic must yield to them. (Wis. Stat. 346.23-24)
- Bikers may use sidewalks, but must yield to pedestrians and may not use sidewalks in the downtown and Water Street districts. (EC City Ordinance Section 10.08.110)
- A biker must stop and yield to vehicles at intersections when using a sidewalk. If using the street, a biker must obey all traffic rules. (EC City Ordinance Section 10.08.110)
- Child-size motorized vehicles may only operate on private property (with the owner's permission) and sidewalks, but must yield to any pedestrians. (EC City Ordinance Sections 10.09.020-030)

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## Community Development

**Coming August 1**

*Eau Claire's*



**SUMMER FEST**

*Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.*

**11:00am - 4:00pm on S. Barstow St.**

**AND**



*Eau Claire's*

**Family Night  
in the Park**

*Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.*

**6:00pm - 11:00pm at Phoenix Park**

For updates and more information  
follow our Facebook or go to our website  
**[www.DowntownEauClaire.org!](http://www.DowntownEauClaire.org)**



## Spring Clean-Up

More than 250 people converged in Downtown on Saturday, May 16, for some spring cleaning! The Our City Spring Clean-Up, hosted by Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. and Valleybrook Church, was held.



Volunteers worked on more than 30 projects in all of the downtown districts: North and South Barstow, Water Street, and West Grand Avenue areas. Projects included trash pick-up along the river, sidewalk sweeping, alley clean-up, planting in areas on South Barstow Street, Transfer Station clean-up, landscaping in the West Grand Avenue area around a new welcome sign, Forest Street Community Garden spruce-up, clean-up of various bridges, painting on Dewey Street amenities, and planting in various flowerbeds.

Volunteers from some non-profit organizations also helped with projects: Big Brothers Big Sisters, the L.E. Phillips Senior Center, Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild, and Inn Town Hotel.

For more photos, see the Downtown Eau Claire Facebook page!

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## Fire & Rescue

### Bicycle Safety

Unfortunately, Eau Claire Fire and Rescue personnel often see the consequences of bicyclists— young and adult—who suffer injury from not following bicycle safety rules. Millions of Americans ride bicycles, but less than half wear bicycle helmets.



**Buckle Up  
Your Brain**

Surveys have found that older children are less likely to wear helmets than younger children. In 2010 in the U.S., 800 bicyclists were killed and an estimated 515,000 sustained bicycle-related injuries that required emergency department care. Roughly half of these cyclists were children and adolescents under the age of 20. Annually, 26,000 of these bicycle-related injuries to children and adolescents are traumatic brain injuries treated in emergency departments. ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)).



On its website (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/kids/roadrules.htm>), the Wisconsin Department of Transportation outlines the most important actions or rules that all bicyclists must follow for safe biking. These include:

- ✓ Always wear a properly fitted helmet
- ✓ Use lights and brightly colored clothing when riding at night
- ✓ Obey all traffic laws and signs
- ✓ Always use hand signals
- ✓ Check your bike for safety

Please take the time to follow the above simple measures to avoid becoming a tragic statistic.

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## Health

### Radon

Is a naturally occurring, odorless radioactive gas that causes lung cancer

**AND**

The leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers

**AND**

Kills approximately 21,000 Americans yearly

**Radon-- You can't see it, smell it or taste it, but it puts your family in danger.**

Students and faculty from UWEC are working together with the Eau Claire City-County Health Department to measure the public's understanding of radon. The survey is about two minutes long, is completely voluntary, and all responses are confidential. The information gathered in this survey will be used by the Health Department as a starting place, or baseline data. A solid starting place will help us determine if recent outreach activities increased radon awareness in our community.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ECRadonCKA2>

If you have any questions about this survey please contact Dr. Laura Suppes at [Suppeslm@uwec.edu](mailto:Suppeslm@uwec.edu) or KT Gallagher at [Kt.gallagher@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Kt.gallagher@co.eau-claire.wi.us).

**Radon Test Kits can be purchased at the Health Department Main Office (ground floor) at 720 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.**

1 in every 15 U.S. homes has elevated radon levels

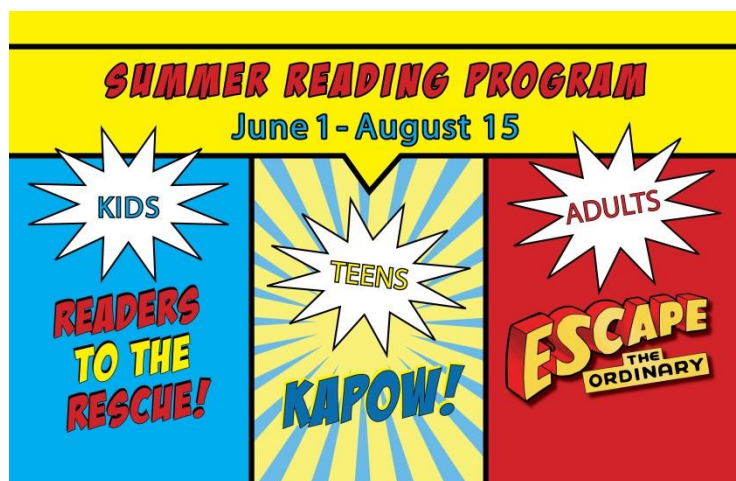


6 in every 15 Eau Claire County homes have elevated radon levels



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## Library



**Summer Reading Programs Starting Soon**  
June 1 marks the kickoff of the kids, teen, and adult summer reading program. Read or listen to books and earn prizes along the way. Stop by the Youth Services or Information & Reference desk for more information, or check out the library newsletter.

## Summer Cinema

*Wednesday Evenings | West Lawn of Haas Fine Arts Center on U.W. – Eau Claire Campus*

*Activities start at 8 p.m. Films shown at dusk.*

BYOB (bring your own blanket) for the outdoor film series. Popcorn and punch will be provided.

- Wednesday, June 10: *Big Hero 6* | Hero costume contest for kids
- Wednesday, July 8: *How to Train Your Dragon* | Make your own S'mores
- Wednesday, July 29: *The Avengers* | Meet local everyday heroes

Co-sponsored by UWEC and Volume One. For information on the full Summer Cinema series, go to:

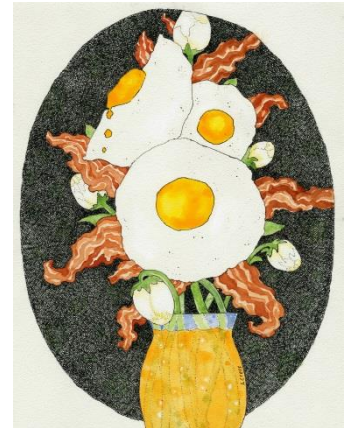
<http://www.uwec.edu/Activities/>.

## Eggs-actly Summer Art Exhibit

*June 1 – September 1*

*Artists Reception: Thursday, June 4, 7-8:30 p.m.*

Selected artists were invited to “get cracking” and create original works of art that represent their interpretation of anything having to do with eggs. Scramble on down to the library to see this egg-ceptional show!



## Become a “Friend” of the Library

Why? To meet people, contribute to your community, have fun, and make the library even more special than it already is! Public dollars fund only part of the services provided by your library. The library relies on gifts from private donors, including proceeds from the Friends’ fund-raising events and membership dues to help keep its resources available to all. Every year, the Friends donate nearly \$20,000 to the library to help fund additional equipment, programs and services. Since its inception in 1993, the Friends group has donated more than \$250,000 to the library. To learn more, visit the library [website](http://www.eauclaire.lib.wi.us), email [friendsofthelibrary@eauclaire.lib.wi.us](mailto:friendsofthelibrary@eauclaire.lib.wi.us), or call 715-831-5301.

For information about library services, programs and events, visit the library online at [www.ecpubliclibrary.info](http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info), stop at Information & Reference on your next visit to the library, e-mail the library at [librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us](mailto:librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us), or call 715-839-5004.

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## Parks, Recreation & Forestry

### Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department Named National Finalist – Again!

For the second consecutive year, the Eau Claire Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is in contention to be named the nation’s top parks and recreation agency for its population category. The [Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management](#) honors communities that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Winners will be announced during the [National Recreation and Parks Association](#) Congress later this fall.

### Mayo Clinic Health System Grant to Create Owen Park “Fitness Zone”

Can public parks save lives? That’s the hope of recreation and health officials who are teaming up to install an “Outdoor Fitness Zone” in Owen Park.

Mayo Clinic Health System awarded the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department \$25,000 for the creation of nine fitness stations in the popular downtown park. Equipment, along with recreation programs and special events with the health care organization, will help promote healthy lifestyles that can combat such chronic conditions as obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

**Sport Registration Deadline: June 3**

The deadline to register for adult and youth summer sport leagues is Wednesday, June 3. Sports leagues still accepting registrations are:

- Cornhole (bean bags) – adults
- Kickball – adults
- Soccer – adult and youth leagues
- T-ball – youth
- Ultimate Frisbee – adults

Registration forms and additional information are available [online](#).

**Volunteer Youth Coaches Needed**

Make a difference in the life of a child by becoming a [volunteer youth coach](#). The Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department is recruiting volunteer coaches for

- T-ball
- Flag Football
- Soccer

Visit the City's employment website for an [online application](#).

**Boulevard Clean-Up on June 20**

Lend a hand, Eau Claire! Register yourself or your organization for the [“Hands On Eau Claire: Boulevard Clean-Up”](#) from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20. Join other volunteers as you help beautify the main boulevards around Eau Claire, and then celebrate a job well done with a complimentary lunch. For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Teri-Gene Conlin at 715-839-5032.

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Police

**Home for the Holidays**

Starting this Memorial Day Weekend, Eau Claire Police Officers began a year-long traffic safety initiative called “Home for the Holidays.” The goal of this program is to ensure that every member of our community has the opportunity to travel the streets of Eau Claire safely by decreasing the number of traffic injuries and fatalities on our roadways. The purpose of the initiative is to increase the visibility of patrol officers and target dangerous driving behavior.

We had 2,329 traffic crashes in Eau Claire last year. Almost 300 of those crashes involved injuries, including 2 fatalities. In 2014, Eau Claire Police Officers issued 4,866 traffic citations and 6,273 traffic warnings. There were 350 OMVWI arrests.

In an attempt to make our roadways safer, police officers will focus on high risk locations, high risk times of the day, and high risk driver behavior. There will be increased enforcement of traffic safety violations including driver intoxication, speeding, tailgating, inattentive driving, unsafe lane changing, and aggressive driving.

Expect extra patrol officers on the streets during the holidays. We want to help our community members get home safe to their families so they can enjoy their time together.

We feel that this initiative is important enough to have all 100 police officers, from all ranks, including the Chief of Police, dedicate time to traffic safety enforcement this year. Traffic safety is a shared responsibility. Wear your seatbelts; look twice for the vulnerable road users like our bicyclists, our pedestrians, and our joggers. Share the road, drive responsibly, don't drink and drive, and slow down.

### **2014 Annual Report**

Last year, Telecommunicators answered over 200,000 emergency and non-emergency phone calls and police officers responded to more than 25,000 incidents throughout the city. A slight increase in Part 1 Index Crimes can be mainly attributed to property crimes; yet even with the increase, the last two years saw the lowest crime rates in 35 years. Our department continues to strive for a community where the residents feel safe and enjoy a high quality of life. The 2014 Eau Claire Police Department annual report can be found under the [Citizen Resources tab](#) on our web site.

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## **Public Works**

### **Summer Bus Route to Service Downtown Starting June 1**

Eau Claire Transit will operate a circular route downtown this summer. For 50 cents, passengers can catch a ride to Phoenix Park, Carson Park and other popular downtown locations. The new route will run every 20 minutes from 7:10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 7:10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays to accommodate the “Sounds Like Summer” concert series in Phoenix Park. The new route begins June 1.



### **Construction Projects Start Up, Wrap-Up**

Various construction and repair projects continue downtown, with some projects concluding and others starting up:

- Concrete repairs on South Barstow Street have been completed. The street reopened Friday.
- Contractors are installing rock columns, or geopiers, to stabilize construction of the North Barstow Parking Ramp. Concrete is expected to be poured within the next couple weeks.
- Construction along Starr Avenue has been completed and the street is open to traffic.
- Work has begun on Main Street from Farwell Street to Summer Street to fix sections of curbs or gutters, as well as replace the top 2 inches of asphalt. Main Street will remain open to traffic, but parking restrictions will be in effect during construction.
- Replacements ties and decking has been installed on the majority of the High Bridge. Crews are awaiting the arrival of the remaining ties and metal grating to complete the project.

The Public Works Department regularly posts street closures on its [“Projects”](#) website. Please be mindful of construction crews while driving. Slow down, observe warning signs and stay alert.

### **Free Busing to Fairfax Pool Begins June 9**

A supervised bus to transport children and parents to Fairfax Pool will run every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer, starting June 9. The bus, which follows a [designated route](#), is free to city residents; however, admission fees to the pool still apply.

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## City Council Meeting Summary – May 26, 2015

The Monday, May 25, City Council meeting was canceled due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

At their meeting of May 26, the City Council

- Granted bartender licenses;
- Authorized special events, including the American Foundation for Prevention of Suicide Out of the Darkness Walk, the Eau Claire Express Fireworks Shows, the Girl Scout Camp and Boy Scout Camp at Carson Park Baseball Stadium;
- Authorized the Police Department to apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant;
- Granted petition and waivers for street and utility reconstruction on Ninth Street, from Folsom Street to 200 feet north of Folsom Street;
- Approved bids and proposals for the purchase of a Diesel Powered Compact End Loader, the rehabilitation of wells, and City-wide Street and Utility Reconstruction;
- Granted a permanent expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Chippewa Valley Family Entertainment, Inc., d/b/a Wagner's Lanes, to include a 90' x 200' outdoor dome;
- Authorized appointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees;
- Established the position of Writer in Residence for the City of Eau Claire;
- Conducted a public discussion and then amended an ordinance entitled, "Parking During Specified Hours – Six a.m. to six p.m.," by deleting "Summer Street, east side, from Main Street to Barland Street."



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